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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PROJECTED DISCONTINUATION OF PAN AM SERVICES

REF: BUCHAREST 4706

1. IN DISCUSSION OF PAN AM REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE TO BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHIEF DIRECTORATE GENERAL CIVIL AERONAUTICS (SARIC) TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 28 THAT GOY REGRETS IMMINENT END OF PAN AM SERCIE BUT UNDERSTANDS RATIONALE FOR IT; I.E.; DUEL SHORTAGES. SARIC SAYS LETTER FROM DGCA DIRECTOR DJOKANOVIC SENT TO PAN AM/NEW YORK, WITH COPY TO EMBASSY. NOTHING RECEIVED HERE AS OF DECEMBER 28.

2. PANAM OFFICE BELGRADE STILL AWAITING DEFINITE ORDER FROM NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE JANUARY 7. IN INTERIM, EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15. PAN AM'S CURRENT PLANS ARE TO RETAIN SMALL SALES OFFICE HERE FOR CONNECTING BUSINESS OUTSIDE YUGOSLAVIA.

3. THIS EMBASSY REGRETS IMPENDING DISCONTINUATION OF PANAM SERVICE BELGRADE AND HOPES IT WILL BE RESUMED AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. PANAM IS SOLE US FLAG CARRIER OPERATING THIS PART OF EUROPE AND HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT SERVICE RECORD DURING ITS ELEVEN YEARS OF

OPERATION. WE BELIEVE THAT DISCONTINUATION OF PANAM SERVICE HERE
REPRESENTS REAL, LOSS IN TERMS EFFORTS INCREASE AMERICAN PRESENCE AND
US-YUGOSLAV TIES.
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